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## WILDFLOWERS

Botanical Name,  
Common Name,  
Height, Color, Site  
Preference



*Achillea millefolium*,  
Yarrow, 2-3', red-pink,  
drier prairie areas



*Allium* spp. , Wild Onion,  
2', white, drier prairie  
areas



*Amorpha canescens* ,  
Leadplant, 4', blue,  
wide variety of soils



*Amorpha nana*, Fragrant  
false indigo, 1-3',  
purple, wide variety of  
soils



*Anemone caroliniana* ,  
Carolina anemone, 1',  
white, drier prairie areas



*Argemone polyanthemus*,  
Prickly Poppy, 2-4',  
white, variety of soils



*Artemisia* spp., Prairie  
Sage, 2-3', white,  
variety of soils



*Asclepias incarnata*,  
Swamp Milkweed, 2-4',  
pink, seasonally moist  
soils



*Asclepias tuberosa*,  
Butterfly Flower, 2-3',  
orange, well drained  
soils





*Aster ericoides*, Heath  
Aster, 1-3', white, wide  
variety of soils



*Aster novae-angliae*, New  
England Aster, 3-4',  
violet-pink, moist soils,  
wood borders



*Aster sericeus*, Silky Aster,  
1-2', purple, well  
drained soils



*Baptisia australis*, Blue  
False Indigo, 2-3', blue,  
dry, well drained soils



*Baptisia leucophaea*,  
Plains Wild Indigo, 15",  
cream, dry, well drained  
soils



*Callirhoe involucrata*, ,  
Purple Poppy Mallow,  
6", purple, well drained  
soils



*Calylophus serrulatus*,  
Plains Yellow Primrose,  
6", yellow, coarse,  
sandy soils



*Ceanothus americanus*,  
New Jersey Tea, 3-4',  
white, well drained soils



*Chrysopsis villosa*, Golden  
Aster, 2', yellow, dry or  
sandy soils





*Cleome serrulata*, Rocky Mtn Bee Plant, 2-5', purple, wide variety of soils



*Dalea purpurea*, Purple Prairie-clover, 1-3', purple, wide variety of soils



*Echinacea angustifolia*, , Native Purple Coneflower, 2-3', pink-white, wide variety of soils



*Coreopsis tinctoria*, Plains coreopsis, 1-3', yellow, seasonally moist soils



*Delphinium virescens*, Prairie Larkspur, 1-3', white, wide variety of soils



*Echinacea pallida*, Pale Purple Coneflower, 2-3', purple, wide variety of soils



*Dalea candida*, White Prairie-clover, 1-3', white, wide variety of soils



*Desmanthus illinoensis*, Illinois Bundleflower, 2-4', white, wide variety of soils



*Euphorbia corollata*, Flowering Spurge, 3', white, wide variety of soils



*Gaura* spp., Butterfly  
Weed, 4', white, wide  
variety of soils



*Heliopsis helianthoides*,  
False Sunflower, 5',  
yellow, dry, well  
drained soils



*Liatris aspera*, Rough  
Gayfeather, 3', red-  
violet, well drained  
soils



*Grindelia squarrosa*,  
Curly-top Gumweed, 1-  
2', yellow, dry soil



*Ipomoea leptophylla*, Bush  
Morning Glory, 3', pink,  
coarse, sandy soils



*Helenium autumnale*,  
Sneezeweed, 3-4',  
red/gold, seasonally  
moist soils



*Lespedeza capitata*,  
Roundhead Lespedeza,  
2-3', purple-pink,  
variety of soils



*Liatris punctata*, Dotted  
Gayfeather, 1-3', pink,  
variety of drier soils



*Helianthus maximiliani*,  
Maximilian Sunflower,  
4-6', yellow, seasonally  
moist areas



*Liatris pyconstachya*,  
Thickspike Gayfeather,  
18", rose-purple, moist,  
well drained soils





*Linum lewisii*, Blue Flax,  
1', blue, coarse, dry  
soils



*Machaeranthera  
tanacetifolia*, Tansy  
Aster, 1-2', red-violet,  
dry, sandy soils



*Monarda fistulosa*, Wild  
Bergamont, 5',  
lavender, moist soils



*Oenothera latifolia*, Pale  
Evening Primrose, 20",  
white, sandy or rocky  
soils



*Oenothera macrocarpa*,  
Missouri Primrose, 6",  
yellow, dry, rocky soils



*Oenothera speciosa*,  
Showy Evening  
Primrose, 18", pink,  
dry, rocky soils



*Opuntia polyacantha*,  
Plains Prickly Pear, 8",  
yellow, dry, sandy or  
rocky soils



*Penstemon* spp.,  
Beardtongue, 1-4',  
variety, variety of soils



*Penstemon cobaea*,  
Cobaea Penstemon, 1-  
2', white, well drained  
soils



*Penstemon grandiflorus*,  
Shell-leaf penstemon,  
2-4', variety, well  
drained, sandy soils



*Phlox pilosa*, Prairie  
Phlox, 18", pink, moist,  
rich soils



*Polygonum bicorne*, , Pink  
Smartweed, 4", pink,  
wet soils



*Psoralea tenuiflora*, Wild  
Alfalfa, 1-3', blue-  
violet, wide variety of  
soils



*Pulsatilla patens* ,  
Pasqueflower, 18",  
white, dry, rocky soils



*Rosa setigera*, Prairie Wild  
Rose, 2', pink-white,  
variety of soils



*Ratibida columnifera*,  
Prairie Coneflower, 4',  
red, wide variety of  
dryer soils



*Ratibida pinnata*,  
Greyhead Prairie  
Coneflower, 4-5',  
yellow, wide variety of  
soils





*Rudbeckia hirta*, Black Eyed Susan, 3', yellow, variety of soils



*Senecio plattensis*, Prairie Ragwort, 1-2', yellow, variety of well drained soils



*Thelesperma filifolium*, Greenthread, 15", yellow, dry, gravelly soils



*Salvia azurea* var. *grandiflora*, Pitcher Sage, 4', blue, moist, well drained soils



*Silphium laciniata*, Compass Plant, 4-7', yellow, seasonally moist soils



*Tradescantia bracteata*, Bracted Spiderwort, 16", red-violet, seasonally moist areas



*Schrunkia nuttallii*, Catclaw Sensitive Briar, 6", pink, sandy or gravelly soils



*Solidago* spp., Goldenrod, 18", gold, wide variety of soils



*Tradescantia occidentalis*, Prairie Spiderwort, 20", red-violet, variety of soils





*Verbena bipinnatifida*,  
Dakota vervain, 10",  
red-violet, variety of  
soils



*Verbena stricta*, Hoary  
Vervain, 1-3', red violet,  
dry, disturbed soils



*Vernonia fasciculata*,  
Common Ironweed, 2-  
5', red-violet, moist,  
well-drained soils



*Verbena canadensis*, Rose  
Vervain, 4-8", lavender,  
variety of soils



*Vernonia baldwinii*,  
Baldwin Ironweed, 2-5',  
red-violet, variety of  
dryer soils



*Yucca glauca*, Small  
Soapweed, 3', white,  
dry, sandy soils

## GRASSES

Botanical name,  
Common name,  
Height, Site  
Preference



*Agropyron smithii*,  
Western Wheatgrass, 2-3', wide variety of soils



*Andropogon gerardii*, Big Bluestem, 5-6', moist, well drained soils



*Andropogon gerardii* var. *paucipilus*, Sand Bluestem, 3-4', dry, sandy soils



*Bouteloua curtipendula*, Sideoats Grama, 12-18", wide variety of soils



*Bouteloua gracilis*, Blue Grama, 3-6", variety of drier soils



*Bouteloua hirsuta*, Hairy Grama, 1-2', most dry soils



*Buchloe dactyloides*, Buffalo Grass, 6"-1', dry soils





*Eragrostis trichodes*, Sand  
Lovegrass, 3', sandy  
soils



*Panicum virgatum*,  
Switchgrass, 4-5',  
moist, well drained soils



*Schizachyrium scoparium*,  
Little Bluestem, 2-3',  
wide variety of soils



*Sorghastrum nutans*,  
Indiangrass, 4-5', moist,  
well drained soils



*Spartina pectinata*, Prairie  
cordgrass, 4-6', wet,  
non-saline soils



*Sporobolus heterolepis*,  
Prairie dropseed, 3-4',  
sandy to silt loam



*Sporobolus asper*, Tall  
dropseed, 3-4', medium-  
heavy soils



*Stipa comata*,  
Needleandthread, 2-3',  
sandy and med. textures  
soils



*Stipa viridula*, Green  
needlegrass, 2-3', sandy;  
saline; well drained soil